

SCS SB 199 -- County Classification and Government

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This substitute increases the required assessed valuation necessary to qualify as a county of the first classification from \$450 million to \$600 million and as a county of the second classification from \$300 million to \$450 million. Any county that has the requisite assessed valuation to become a county of the first classification may choose to do so upon affirmative vote of the county's governing body, even though the county has not had this valuation for five successive years as required under current law.

The substitute also authorizes the Boone County Commission to impose a civil fine of not more than \$1,000 for misdemeanor county ordinance violations and requires the county counselor, rather than the county prosecuting attorney, to prosecute these violations. Fines collected pursuant to the substitute will be paid into the county general fund and used to pay for the cost of enforcement of the ordinances.

Any county subject to Environmental Protection Agency Rules concerning storm water discharge is authorized to adopt ordinances that are necessary to comply with federal regulations. These counties may, upon voter approval, impose a storm water utility tax in an amount necessary to fund public storm water control projects.